

Claims

1. Apparatus for releasing tablets from a blister pack containing a plurality of tablets, each held in a respective blister, the apparatus comprising receiving means for receiving a blister pack, the receiving means having a lid moveable between an open and closed position, the apparatus further comprising an abutment member mounted on the lid, the arrangement being such that movement in the lid from the open to the closed position, in use, causes the abutment member to engage, and release a tablet from, a blister in registry with the abutment member.
2. Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the receiving means comprises a tray.
3. Apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the lid is pivotally mounted on the tray.
4. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the abutment member is so mounted on the lid that the perpendicular distance from the outboard end of the abutment member to the portion of the lid on which it is mounted remains substantially fixed.
5. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the abutment member comprises a peg which is slideably mounted on the lid so as to be moveable, in use, into registry with any one of a plurality of blisters in a pack in the tray.
6. Apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the tray has a floor in which there is provided a plurality of apertures, each floor allowing a tablet released from a respective blister overlying the aperture to pass through the floor, the peg thus being moveable into registry with any one selected one of the apertures.
7. Apparatus according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the peg is slideably mounted in a key way on the underside of the lid.

8. Apparatus according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the apertures are arranged in two parallel rows, to correspond to the arrangement of blisters in a pack.

9. Apparatus according to claim 8 when dependent from claim 7, wherein the key way comprises two main runs, each in registry with a respective row of apertures, interconnected by a run not in registry with any aperture.

10. Apparatus for releasing tablets from a blister pack having two rows of blisters each containing a respective tablet, the apparatus comprising a tray, the floor of which has aperture means in registry, in use, with the two rows of blisters for allowing released tablets to pass through the tray floor, the apparatus further comprising a peg mounted on a lid of the tray for engaging a blister to release the tablet therefrom, the peg being slideable along a key way in the lid to enable the peg to be moved into registry with any selected one of the blisters of a pack in the tray, wherein the key way has two main runs in registry with the aperture means and an interconnecting run which interconnects the two main runs to allow the peg to be transferred from one to the other of the main runs, and which is not in registry with the aperture means.

11. Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the aperture means comprises two rows of apertures, each aperture being in registry with a respective blister when a blister pack is held in the device.